[*Note.*—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**]

II.—ALLOTMENT OF A DAY FOR DISCUSSING FOOD SITUATION.

JANAB ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI :—" Sir, it is reported in the Press that the Hon. Minister for Food has said that the food situation in the State has improved. I should like to know what the exact position is. Therefore I request you to allot a day for discussing the food situation."

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" Will it suffice if the Hon. Food Minister makes a statement or does the hon. Leader of the Opposition insist on a discussion? Information on this point is necessary to enable us to arrange the time-table of business of both the Houses."

JANAB ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI :—" Members will like to express their views. Therefore it will be better if a day is allotted for discussion."

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" We have no objection at all to have a discussion on the food situation. But the difficulty is about arranging the time table of business of both the Houses. The Assembly is meeting to-morrow and also the day after to-morrow. If it will be convenient to you and if it will satisfy the Members, we shall have the food discussion commencing from 2-30 p.m. on Saturday the 2nd September 1950. The House may sit even after 5 p.m. that day if it is convenient."

JANAB ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI :—" We are thankful to the Government for this."

III.—ADJOURNMENT MOTION *RE* WHOLESALE SEARCH FOR FOODGRAINS BY RATIONING AND POLICE OFFICIALS.

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN :—" I have received notice of an adjournment motion from Mr. K. Uppi Sahib. It reads as follows :—

' The business of the House be adjourned to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance of recent occurrence, to wit the recent and wholesale searches for foodgrain carried out by the food rationing officers with the aid of the police in a part of the town of Arcot, thereby striking terror in the cultivating rural population not only of the locality but of the whole rural population of the province and its repercussion on food production in general. ' "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" Apart from the question whether the motion can be admitted as an adjournment motion or not, I wish to submit that the discussion on the food situation has been fixed for day after to-morrow, and this subject can very appropriately be discussed then. Therefore there is no necessity for moving this motion."

JANAB K. UPPI :—" Sir, it is a matter of striking terror in the minds of the rural population. My adjournment motion refers only to the policy of procurement and not to the food position as a whole. If the motion satisfies the rule and is in order, I submit that it should be taken up."

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" I do not go into the question of its admissibility at all. We are going to discuss the whole question of procurement and other aspects of the food problem day after to-morrow. My submission is that there is no purpose in discussing the subject within the limited time of an hour or two allowed for an adjournment motion when the whole food situation is coming up for discussion day after to-morrow.

" Rule 42 (iv) of the Council Rules says that the motion must not anticipate a matter which has been previously appointed for consideration. The food situation, to which the subject matter of the adjournment motion relates, has already been appointed for consideration day after to-morrow."

JANAB K. UPPI :—" A policy which strikes terror in the minds of the people is a serious matter. I want to discuss it and impress on the Government that it should not be continued any longer."

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN :—" The subject of the adjournment motion forms part of the food policy. Since the food policy is going to be discussed day after to-morrow, this subject also can be dealt with then."

IV.—MESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN :—" I have to announce to the House that the Hon. Chairman has received messages from the Hon. Speaker of the Madras Legislative Assembly—

' (1) transmitting copies of the following Bills as passed by the Assembly in accordance with rule 99 of the Madras Assembly Rules on the 12th August 1950, and signed by him for the concurrence of the Council :—

(*a*) The Madras Essential Articles Control and Requisitioning (Temporary Powers) Amendment Bill, 1950 (L.A. Bill No. 19 of 1950),

(*b*) The Madras Co-operative Land Mortgage Banks (Second Amendment) Bill, 1950 (L.A. Bill No. 22 of 1950), and

(*c*) The Madras Agriculturists' Relief (Amendment) Bill, 1950 (L.A. Bill No. 20 of 1950),

(2) transmitting copies of the following Bills, as passed by the Assembly and transmitted to the Council for their consideration with a certificate that they are Money Bills :—

(*a*) The Madras Entertainments Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1950 (L.A. Bill No. 23 of 1950);

(*b*) The Madras Contingency Fund Bill, 1950 (L.A. Bill No. 21 of 1950), and

(*c*) The Madras City Municipal (Amendment) Bill, 1950 (L.A. Bill No. 24 of 1950).' "